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Applicant: Shinji YAMAMOTO et al.

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the formal drawing filed on June 29, 2004 be approved.

Applicants appreciate the telephone conversation of September 15, 2004 with Examiner Nguyen. Applicants' representative noted that the Notice of Allowability with the Notice of Allowance dated July 27, 2004 indicated that corrected drawings must be submitted including changes required in the Office Action of Paper no. 23. Applicants' representative further noted that the Office Action of Paper no. 23 (dated January 29, 2004) indicated that the amended drawing filed on January 3, 2002 had been approved for entry. Examiner Nguyen indicated that the application file did not include the formal drawings filed on June 29, 2004 at the time the Notice of Allowability was sent prepared, but that PTO records indicated that the formal drawings are now in the application file, and that he would review the formal drawings filed on June 29, 2004. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that formal drawing filed on June 29, 2004, which include the amendment to the drawings approved in the Office Action dated January 29, 2004, be approved.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely

acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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